

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the foregoing Amendment to the Claims, claims 1-6, 8-17, and 19-20 are pending in the application, of which claims 1, 10, and 13 are independent. By the foregoing Amendment, claim 1 is sought to be amended to correct a typographical error. No new matter is embraced by this amendment and its entry is respectfully requested. Based on the above Amendment and the remarks set forth below, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejections.

Double Patenting

The Examiner, on page 3 of the Office Action, has rejected claims 1-6, 8-17, and 19-20 on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,618,046. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. However, to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicants have submitted a terminal disclaimer to overcome this rejection. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the terminal disclaimer and withdraw this rejection.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all currently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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